

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/699,451	STRANDQVIST, KERSTI	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	C. Lynne Anderson	3761	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) C. Lynne Anderson. (3) Benoit Castel.
 (2) Weilun Lo. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 06 November 2003.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: proposal of amendment to claim 13

Claim(s) discussed: 13, 18, 19, 20, 24

Identification of prior art discussed: Harada et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: see below

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

The rejection of claims 19 and 20 under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph was discussed, and proper antecedent basis was discussed.

The rejection of claims 13 and 24 under 35 USC 102 (b) was discussed. Applicant proposed an amendment to claims 13 and 24 incorporating the subject matter of claim 18 and further defining the crosslinking as being initially crosslinked by ionic bonds. Harada et al. disclose initially covalently crosslinking and teach away from initially ionic crosslinking in columns 9 and 10.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


 Examiner's signature, if required

amended
--13. ~~(New)~~ An absorbent structure in an absorbent article selected from the group consisting of a diaper, a pant diaper, an incontinence guard, and a sanitary napkin, said structure comprising a combination of a porous material selected from the group consisting of fibers, foam and mixtures thereof, and a superabsorbent material, wherein the absorbent structure contains at least 50% by weight of superabsorbent material, based on the total weight of the structure in dry condition in at least one area thereof in which the superabsorbent material is distributed; said superabsorbent material being in the form of a powder, grains or granules, and being *initially* crosslinked by ionic bonds with an ionic crosslinking agent comprising a polyvalent metal ion.

same changes to claim 24